



# The Columbus Dispatch.



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## LOST BATTALION HERO GETS HOME

LIEUT. ARTHUR HALBERT  
HAD HARROWING EX-  
PERIENCE WITH LOST  
TROOPS.

### LIASON OFFICER

Columbia Is Promoted From  
Ranks To First Lieuten-  
ant—Had Long Ser-  
vice In Army.

Lieut. Arthur Halbert, a Colum-  
bus boy, who was with the famous  
Lost Battalion during its harrowing  
experience behind the German lines,  
reached home Monday after many  
months in France and Germany.

Lieut. Halbert was liason officer  
between the 307th and 308th Infan-  
try of the 77th Division and had  
carried a message to Maj. Whit-  
tlesy's Battalion just before it was  
cut off from the American lines by  
the Germans. He remained with the  
battalion during the six days of its  
siege, and three days of this time  
the troops were without food and  
were under fire and pressure of the  
Germans.

The experience of the battalion  
in getting cut off from the main  
American lines in the famous Meuse-  
Argonne action is a thrilling and in-  
teresting story. It was the third day  
of the action, and Lieut. Halbert  
had made the trip between the 307th  
and 308th headquarters with im-  
portant orders during the first two  
days of the fighting. He was accom-  
panied by two combat platoons which  
he commanded. It was hazardous  
work and they had many harrowing  
experiences.

He explains the unusual situation  
of the Lost Battalion as follows: The  
308th Infantry of which the Lost  
Battalion was a part was on the ex-  
treme left of the 307th. Infantry  
and in its left was another Division  
command. The battalion gained its  
objective ahead of the adjoining  
Division, and the 307th, on the right  
was held up in its advance by Ger-  
man machine gun nests. Before the  
situation was realized the battalion  
had advanced more than a kilo-  
meter, a little more than a mile,  
ahead of the two flanking units, and  
the Germans slipped in behind it.

The battalion found itself behind  
the German front line and ahead of  
the German support trenches. Here  
it remained for six days in its peril-  
ous position. The Germans sent in  
couriers demanding that the Ameri-  
cans surrender, but Maj. Whittlesy  
refused to give way for he knew his  
position and the position of the 307th  
and knew that he would be relieved  
shortly. On the sixth day the Ameri-  
can advance drove the Germans back  
and established contact with the  
battalion.

Lieut. Halbert left Columbus in  
1916 as a private with the Columbus  
Riflemen and entered the service on  
the Mexican border. He had no op-  
portunity to attend an officer's train-  
ing school and by meritorious work  
was promoted to the rank of 2nd  
Lieut. In the Argonne action he was  
placed temporarily in command of a  
company and for splendid service  
rendered in this position, he was  
promoted to the rank of First Lieut.  
He wears the foreign service bars  
with three bronze stars, evidence  
of participation three major actions.  
He also wears a wound stripe for a  
bullet wound which he received in  
the leg in the Argonne fighting.

After the armistice he was trans-  
ferred to the 2nd Division and spent  
seven months in Germany. He left  
last night for Camp Shelby where  
he expects to be discharged.

### HARRY COFFIN DEAD.

The many friends of Mr. Harry  
Coffin will learn with regret the sad  
news of his death which occurred at  
his home in Birmingham Saturday  
night.

Mr. Coffin was a bright, fine  
young man, having been in his twen-  
tieth year. For the past two years  
he has been a student at the Uni-  
versity of Alabama, and was con-  
sidered one of the most popular  
students there. He was a frequent  
visitor here and his many friends  
sympathize with his family in their  
sorrow.

Mrs. W. H. Taylor left the past  
week for Tercier, Colo., where she  
will visit her daughter, Mrs. N. K.  
Williams, for several months.

### TRAGEDY NEAR STARKSVILLE.

STARKSVILLE, Miss., Sept. 13.—  
(Special.)—H. J. Wallace, candidate  
for state senator and well known  
resident two miles of this town, was  
shot and mortally wounded this  
afternoon by Mrs. O. L. Smith, also  
of this place. No reason for the  
tragedy can be ascertained.

Wallace, it is said, was on his  
way to milk his cows when he was  
shot without warning by Mrs. Smith,  
four bullets entering the victim's  
abdomen.

Sheriff James was notified imme-  
diately and he brought in the wound-  
ed man and took into custody Mrs.  
Smith and her husband who, it is  
said, also shot Wallace with a shot  
gun, nine wounds having been found  
in the latter's body.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are being held  
on a charge of attempted murder  
and, pending the preliminary hear-  
ing, they refuse to discuss the trage-  
dy.

The Smith family came here from  
Illinois about four years ago, buying  
land on which they farmed and oper-  
ated a sheep ranch.

Wallace was at one time school  
superintendent of Oktibbeha county  
and in the recent election was a can-  
didate for state senator. He was the  
owner of a large dairy and operated a  
stock farm.

Late this evening an operation  
was performed in the hope that his  
life might be saved. Physicians say  
his recovery is doubtful. He died  
shortly after.

## WRIGHT GARAGE CHANGES HANDS

Purchased By City Auto Company.  
Change Took Place Monday  
Morning.

The Wright Auto Sales Company  
and garage was purchased the first  
of the week by the City Auto Com-  
pany which is owned and controlled  
by Mr. Joe J. Cook and Mr. W. G.  
Davis.

The transfer of the property took  
place Monday morning and the new  
owners are now in charge of the es-  
tablishment.

They took the agency for the  
Studebaker automobile along with  
the transfer and the company re-  
tains the agency for the Oakland  
automobile and Republic trucks. Mr.  
Cook and Mr. Davis, who is an ex-  
pert automobile mechanic, will have  
active charge of the business.

The mechanical end of the busi-  
ness will confine its work to the  
automobiles and trucks which it  
sells, insuring the finest service pos-  
sible to purchasers of these cars.  
Service to its purchasers will be the  
keystone of the new garage.

Mr. Wright has not announced his  
plans for the future.

### FOOD CAR DELAYED.

According to information received  
by the local food committee, ap-  
pointed to negotiate for the purchase  
of a carload of army food supplies  
from the War Department in New  
Orleans, delivery of the car has been  
delayed on account of the delay in  
arrival and storage shortage of the  
particular items ordered for the Col-  
umbus car.

The committee has found it nec-  
essary to substitute other items for  
some things ordered before the car  
will be shipped as only full carloads  
will be allowed to go out of the ware-  
houses in New Orleans.

There is an endless amount of red  
tape and delay in the handling of the  
matter, but the committee is doing  
everything in its power to facilitate  
delivery of the food. Date of delivery  
is uncertain and no assurance when  
the car will arrive can be given.

### 464-ACRE TRACT SOLD.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Sept. 13.—  
An auction sale of the Powell plan-  
tation of 464 acres, at Meridianville,  
was held yesterday. The farm was  
sold in three sections to Huntsville  
and Lincoln county parties, and the  
average price paid was \$116 per acre.  
A year ago such a price for farm  
land in his section had never been  
heard of. Now it is about the aver-  
age of all sales being made of good  
lands.

### Burrows-Rankin.

WEST POINT, Miss., Sept. 13.—  
Mrs. Elizabeth Wilsford Burrows  
announces the engagement and ap-  
proaching marriage of her daughter,  
Annie Laurie, to Mr. John Elliott  
Rankin of Tupelo, Miss., the wed-  
ding to take place Oct. 1.

## RENCHER JOINS COLUMBUS BAR

District Attorney Comes To Colum-  
bus To Practice His Profession.

Hon. G. J. Rencher, district attor-  
ney of the sixteenth judicial dis-  
trict of Mississippi, has decided to  
locate in Columbus and will come  
here in the future to practice his  
profession.

Mr. Rencher was defeated in the  
primaries for re-election to the posi-  
tion of district attorney, and he comes  
to this city to engage in the prac-  
tice of law. He has leased offices in  
the Odd Fellows building on Main  
street.

Mr. Rencher is an able young  
lawyer, a strong advocate and a fine  
exponent of the law and he will be  
a valuable acquisition to the local  
bar. He has been practicing his pro-  
fession in Scooba for a long number  
of years and served Kemper county  
in the State legislature for several  
terms. He was a leader in the legis-  
lature and the author of several  
constructive laws.

He will serve out his term as dis-  
trict attorney and then take up the  
practice of his profession in this  
city. He and Mrs. Rencher will be  
most cordially welcomed to Colum-  
bus.

Mr. Donald Freeman, an experi-  
enced laundryman, of Memphis, ar-  
rived in the city the past week and  
has assumed the management of the  
Sanitary Laundry, succeeding Mr.  
G. R. Neumann, who will reside in  
Florida in the future. Mr. Freeman  
is cordially welcomed to Columbus.

Mr. Tom Townsend, of the Delta,  
has been in the city for the past few  
days on business.

### STANLEY RESIGNS.

GREENVILLE, Miss., Sept. 12.—  
Herbert Stanley, secretary of the  
Chamber of Commerce for the past  
six months has tendered his resig-  
nation, to take effect on Oct. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnston, of  
Clarksdale, are visiting in Columbus.  
Mrs. Johnston was Miss Annie Lee  
Senter before marriage. They are  
receiving a most cordial welcome by  
their many friends.

## In a Social Way

Reed-Symons.

A beautiful wedding was celebra-  
ted at high-noon at the First Pres-  
byterian church in this city, when  
Miss Lucile Symons and Mr. Henry  
Reed, of Meridian were married.  
Rev. J. H. Boosey, rector of the Epis-  
copal church of Meridian being the  
officiating clergyman. The decora-  
tions were white and green and were  
most efficiently employed. Preceding  
the ceremony Miss Nina Bell sang  
most beautifully, after which the  
wedding party entered the sanctuary.  
Miss Virginia Leigh was the maid  
of honor, while the ushers were:  
Miss Lucy Banks, Dorothy Leigh,  
Mrs. Homer Atkins and Mrs. Gilles-  
pie Montgomery, all girlhood friends  
of the bride. The groom was attended  
by Mr. Oster, of Meridian as his  
best man.

Miss Symons is one of Columbus'  
loveliest girls, a graduate of the col-  
lege and beloved by a large circle of  
friends. Mr. Reed is a successful  
and popular young business man of  
Meridian, which city, after their  
wedding journey, will be their home.

### Miss Evans Complimented.

Miss Louise Evans, whose going  
away to teach school in Mobile, Ala.,  
causes regret to a large circle of  
friends, was the honoree of a lovely  
dance given last Friday night at the  
Choctaw Club by her brother and  
sister, Mr. Tom Evans and Miss  
Molina Evans. The first touch of fall  
was felt in the cool evening which  
invited all to enjoy the occasion and  
it proved to be one of the happiest  
occasions of the week.

The grand march was led by the  
honoree with Mr. Davis Patty, after  
which the dancers made merry until  
a late hour. Delicious refreshments  
were served at the mid-night hour.

Miss Evans left Saturday morning  
for Mobile where she will be at the  
Yerger home being a valued acqui-  
sition to the school forces of that  
city.

## START PAVING GRADING SOON

Contractor Will Begin Grading Next  
Week For Street Paving.

Mr. H. C. Henry, who has the con-  
tract for paving the business section  
of the city expects to start to grad-  
ing the streets to be paved next week.  
Grading will probably commence at  
the postoffice, but the actual paving  
work will begin at the top of the  
river hill on Main street, connecting  
with the railroad line at that  
point.

Mr. Terry has ordered a fine pav-  
ing machine which will be used in the  
work here. It is the latest and most  
improved model of paving machine  
and is a big labor saving device.  
Concrete will be used in paving the  
streets and the work will be com-  
pleted within three months, weather  
conditions permitting.

### OFF FOR A and M. TODAY.

The following Columbus boys  
leave today for the A. and M. col-  
lege, where they will be students this  
year: Messrs. J. C. Hardy, C. D.  
Divebliss, John McCullough, Atwell  
Williams, James McCaskill, Don  
Johnston, Hugh Ezell and Otto Land.

Mr. R. P. Turner of Mayhew, Miss.,  
was in the city last week on business.

Mr. C. H. Raper and family, of  
Wythville, Va., arrived in the city last  
Saturday, coming through the coun-  
try in their new Franklin car. Mr.  
Raper purchased the Willis Banks  
place at Bent Oak, several months  
ago and he is here to develop his  
property. Mrs. Raper and five chil-  
dren accompanied him and they are  
most cordially welcomed to Colum-  
bus.

### OFF FOR S. P. U.

The following young Columbians  
left Monday night for Clarksville,  
Tenn., where they will be students  
at the Southwestern Presbyterian  
University this session: Messrs.  
Ted Patton, Sam and Lapsley Lind-  
mood, Joe Love, Sammie Caldwell  
and Adair Marshall.

Mrs. James McCaskill and daugh-  
ter, Mary Virginia, have returned  
from a very pleasant visit to friends  
and relatives in Chattanooga and  
East Tennessee.

## HERE'S GAME FOR 3,000,000 PEOPLE.

Southern Baptists Have Enlisted  
Enormous Group of Workers  
in 75 Million Drive.

Like to watch a game in which  
there are thousands of players?

Then maybe you will relish a peep  
at the Baptist 75 Million Campaign  
in which three million participants—  
probably workers would be a better  
name for them—are being enlisted.

One general director of the big  
game is Dr. L. R. Scarborough of  
Texas, with headquarters now at  
Nashville, and assisted at the main  
office by a large staff of competent  
men and women. Co-operating with  
him is an advisory board known as  
the Campaign Commission, including  
one commissioner from each of the  
eighteen states within the boundaries  
of the Southern Baptist Convention.  
Next come the state teams, includ-  
ing 18 general directors, 18 state or-  
ganizers, and 18 state publicity di-  
rectors.

Keeping in direct touch with the  
state teams are the associational or  
district organizations, which include  
925 general organizers, 925 women  
organizers, and 925 publicity direc-  
tors.

Larger still is the local church or-  
ganization which includes 24,855 gen-  
eral directors, who are the local pas-  
tors, 24,855 general organizers, 24,  
855 W. M. U. or women's organizers,  
74,553 boosters, 74,533 team captains  
and 298,212 team workers who dur-  
ing Victory Week, November 30-  
December 7, will go out and get the  
\$75,000,000 in cash and five-year  
pledges, the primary object of the  
big drive.

Last, but equally as essential as  
any of the others, are the 3,000,000  
members of local Baptist churches  
in the South who will be asked to  
contribute the cash and subscrip-  
tions that are essential in carrying  
forward the larger program that is  
proposed. It is the hope of the direc-  
tors of the campaign that there will  
not be a single idle Baptist in the  
South between now and December 7.

### LITTLE BOY INJURED.

Pat Colburn, age 15, a messenger  
boy for the Western Union Telegraph  
Co., sustained a broken arm and was  
otherwise painfully wounded yester-  
day afternoon at 6 o'clock, when an  
automobile driven by Mrs. S. L. Caine  
backed over him. He was riding a  
bicycle at the time and evidently  
did not see the approaching car. Mrs.  
Caine is entirely blameless as the  
little fellow approached the car from  
the rear. The accident occurred in  
front of the Gilmer Hotel. The upper  
arm was broken and the little  
fellow was rushed to the Columbus  
Hospital.

### RECRUITING NOTES.

Opportunity for young men was  
never greater than it is today. This  
opportunity will be found in the U.  
S. Army. All branches are open at  
present. Previous service men may  
re-enlist for one or three years in  
any branch they desire. No reserve.

Men who have had no prior service  
may enlist for one year in the Quar-  
termaster Corps or Medical Depart-  
ment, all other branches three years.

Previous service men may re-enlist  
for one year for service with the A.  
E. F., men who have had no service  
three years. Men between the ages of  
18 and 40 have their choice of ser-  
vice in the following countries:

China, Germany, France, Phillip-  
pines, Hawaii, Panama and Siberia.  
Or you can enlist for service in the  
U. S. only. For further information  
call or write the U. S. Army Recruit-  
ing Station, Meridian, Miss.

## "STEALS" BRIDE AFTER MARRIAGE

Intensely Practical Joke Played On  
Young Groom Sunday Night.

What would you do if you had  
your bride stolen from you ten  
minutes after the wedding ceremony  
at 8 o'clock in the evening, kept away  
all night and brought back to you  
bright and early the next morning?

Well, this is what happened to Mr.  
Will Scheumann Sunday evening.

It was a practical joke played on  
him by his former employee, Mr. E.  
L. Kuykendall and his former asso-  
ciates at the Princess theatre where  
he was employed as operator a year  
or so ago.

It all happened this way. Sunday  
afternoon Mr. Kuykendall learned  
that the Mr. Schunemann and Miss  
Dollie Mullins, a pretty and attrac-  
tive girl who is visiting friends in  
Columbus, were planning seriously  
on getting married. Mr. Schunemann  
promised Mr. Kuykendall that the  
ceremony would be performed at the  
Kuykendall home. It was planned to  
show the wedding party a good  
time, but Mr. Schunemann got ahead  
of the schedule by going quietly to  
the parsonage of the First Baptist  
church where Rev. R. S. Gavin per-  
formed the ceremony early in the  
evening.

After the ceremony the young  
couple went to the home of Mr. Eu-  
gene Bearden on South Sixth street.

Mr. Kuykendall and his party  
heard of the coup and called on the  
newly weds at the Bearden home.  
During the excitement they got the  
bride in Mr. Kuykendall's big high-  
powered automobile and made the  
get-away with the bride aboard.

They went for a joy ride and later  
to the home of Mr. Kuykendall where  
the bride spent the night.

The groom waited patiently until  
after midnight for the return of his  
bride, but she failed to show-up and  
he retired thinking she would come  
in any minute.

But she didn't until early Monday  
morning. Now what would you have  
done?

The bride is the pretty and at-  
tractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Jim Mullins of Starksville. She is  
popular with a wide circle of friends.  
Mr. Schunemann is employed as ex-  
press messenger on the Southern  
Railway and is well and favorably  
known in this city.

They will reside in this city.

Hon. R. S. Wilson, head of the  
Federal Extension forces of Mis-  
sissippi with headquarters at the A.  
and M. college, was among the visi-  
tors in Columbus Sunday and Mon-  
day.

Mr. Irvin Kaufman is home from  
the East where he went to purchase  
stock for the firm of Kaufman  
Bros., as well as to enjoy his vaca-  
tion.

## BIG ENROLLMENT IN CITY SCHOOLS

ATTENDANCE ON OPENING  
DAY OF CITY SCHOOLS  
BREAGS ALL REC-  
ORDS.

### OPENED MONDAY

Over A Thousand School Chil-  
dren Are Enrolled On First  
Day—Fine Start.

Over a thousand white school  
children wended their way back to  
school Monday morning.

The city schools opened with a  
large record breaking attendance on  
the opening day. A total of 1,054 were  
enrolled in all three of the city  
schools. This total is 20 more than  
the grand total enrollment for the  
entire first month of last year's  
session.

Prof. J. C. Meadows, superinten-  
dent of city schools, was in an opti-  
mistic mood yesterday when he talk-  
ed with representatives of The Dis-  
patch about the prospects for the  
coming session. The large enrollment  
was especially encouraging to him  
and he entertains high hopes for  
the most successful session in the  
history of the schools of the city.

Promptly at 9 o'clock the students  
assembled in the assembly rooms  
in the three main schools of the city  
and the opening exercises were had.  
At the High School the exercises  
were presided over by Prof. Mead-  
ows. After the opening song and  
prayer by Rev. N. A. Mott, the super-  
intendent gave an interesting and  
insructive talk on the subject, "His-  
tory of the American School." Prof.  
Meadows has made an exhaustive  
study of high school conditions and  
management in all sections of Ameri-  
ca and he is thoroughly capable of  
talking authoritatively on this sub-  
ject. His discussion of it was highly  
interesting.

Trustees of the schools attended  
the openings at the various places.  
The attendance reports for the  
different schools follows: High School  
231; Junior High School 156; Frank-  
lin Academy 377; Barrow Memorial  
School 290. Total 1,054.

A new department is included in  
the school work this year. It deals  
with the physical development of the  
girls of the schools. A physical cul-  
ture department has been establish-  
ed for this work and it will be headed  
by Miss Dewetta Burkett, a graduate  
of the I. L. & C., in this year's class.  
Miss Burkett took a prominent part  
in college athletics and was a mem-  
ber of the varsity basket ball team.  
She is splendidly equipped and qual-  
ified for the work she has undertaken.

Monday and yesterday were taken  
up with organizing the various classes  
in all the schools and today full  
class schedules and periods will be  
set in motion and the schools will  
settle down to the routine of the  
session.

## RAY TO BE RUSSELL'S SECRETARY, REPORT.

It is reported and rumored in  
local political circles that Mr. Greely  
Ray of Monroe county, will be Gov-  
ernor-elect Russell's private secre-  
tary when the latter assumes the  
governor's office the first of January.  
Mr. Ray is the present chancery  
clerk of Monroe county and was de-  
feated for sheriff in the August pri-  
maries by only six votes. He is a  
staunch supporter of Governor Rus-  
sell and his political faction.

### MATHISTON COUPLE WEDS.

Miss Willie Lou Harvey and Mr.  
John F. Livingston, were quietly  
married here Monday afternoon at  
4 o'clock at the parsonage of the  
Central Methodist church. Rev. T. E.  
Gregory officiated. The young couple  
will be guests of Mr. and Mrs.  
Arthur Gholston.

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